

- 2 All dates are cited according to the Gregorian Calendar. The primary source for information about Abbot through 1776 is his manuscript autobiography, 'Notes on my Life', Museum of Comparative Zoology Archives, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Although Abbot gave his birthday as 12 June 1751, it is recorded as 11 June 1751 in St George, Hanover Square, London, Register Book of Baptisms Beginning March 25, 1738, vol. 2.
- 3 All ten watercolours signed by Abbot and dated 1766 are included in the manuscript 'A Natural History of Insects', Houghton Library, Harvard. His etching is in the Department of Prints and Drawings, British Museum.
- 4 'Notes on my Life'.
- 5 'Natural History of Insects'.
- 6 'Notes on my Life'; and Abbot's 97 watercolours in the Library of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 7 'Notes on my Life'. For record of the clerkship see Public Record Office, Register of Affidavits of Due Execution, 1749-84, Series I, No. 1880, IND 4568. The actual affidavit has not survived.
- 8 'Notes on my Life' mentions a history of Virginia that described the area in 'glowing Colours'. Of the available histories, only the first and second editions of Robert Beverley, *The History and Present State of Virginia, in Four Parts* (London, 1705, 1722) fit Abbot's description.
- 9 'Notes on my Life'; *Virginia Gazette*, 16 September 1773, p.2.
- 10 I am indebted to Professor Joseph Ewan for telling me of this annotated publication in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 11 British Museum (Natural History), Letterbook of Dru Drury, Drury to Abbot, 10 April 1774, 28 November 1774; 'Notes on my Life'.
- 12 'Notes on my Life'.
- 13 Linnean Society of London, William Swainson Correspondence, I, Abbot to Swainson, 1 May 1818, mentions the death of his wife in autumn 1817. The corresponding death of Sarah Abbot on 11 November 1817, suggests that Abbot's wife was named Sarah (Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, GA, Chatham County Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics Registrar, Death Register 1811-18, Drawer 188, Roll 34). Her maiden name may have been Warren since a Mr Warren is mentioned as the uncle of John Abbot, Jr (*Republican and Savannah Evening Ledger*, 10 March 1808, p.3). John Abbot, Jr, died in 1826 at the age of 47; therefore he was born in 1778 or 9 (Chatham County Health Department, Savannah, GA, Chatham County Death Records, 18 August 1826).
- 14 University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA, Abbot, 'A Catalogue of Georgia Birds with Notes'.
- 15 Cornell University Library, Ithaca, NY, Abbot to Heinrich Escher-Zollikofer, 18 April 1813, 14 April 1817, 20 September 1818.
- 16 British Library, Egerton MSS 1137-1138 (Francillon's personal collection of Abbot's bird watercolours); BM(NH), 'Drawings of the Insects of Georgia, in America' (his Abbot arthropod watercolours).
- 17 Linnean Society, James Edward Smith Correspondence, Abbot, 'A Natural History of the North American Insects'.
- 18 Harvard, MCZ Archives, Oemler to Thaddeus William Harris, 27 April 1834, typescript copy.
- 19 Cornell, Abbot to Escher-Zollikofer, 18 April 1813.
- 20 Harvard, Arnold Arboretum Library, Abbot to Stephen Elliott, 3 August 1817.